**Problems faced by LPG consumers**

†3169. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas consumers are facing difficulties like refusal by gas agencies to book gas before 21 days, delivery of cylinder weighing less than the prescribed weight, non-refund of amount charged for home delivery even if the consumers takes the self-delivery of cylinder from the godown;

(b) if so, whether government have issued any guidelines to the gas agencies regarding the supply of gas cylinder to consumers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) There is no restriction on booking a refill within 21 days of previous supply of refill, with the LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies. However, a gap of 21 days has to be maintained between supply of two refills. The LPG distributors are under instructions to check for correct weight before delivery of cylinders to the consumers and to give a rebate of Rs. 5 to cash and carry consumers. In case any under weight cylinder reaches the customer, the under weight cylinder is replaced free of cost.

**Indo-Sudan Tie-up in oil sector**

3170. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sudan has expressed desire of India's collaboration in its oil sector; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to tie-up with Sudan for exploration,

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